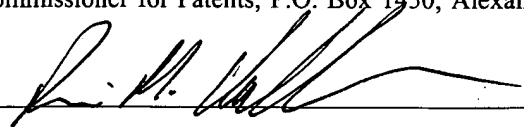


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[] Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

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Sir:

This paper accompanies the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE).

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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